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Nicotine Precursor Matter - PM 1412

Dear Jim:

We received your December 14 package of documents describing the nicotine precursor research.

The detail and clarity of the technical information provided are appreciated and will aid us considerably in the patent prosecution process.

No doubt questions will arise as our work progresses, but at this time the only additional information needed is a detailed protocol for the PMT assay(s) used in the enzyme purification.

Very truly yours,

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